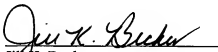


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Response To Office Action

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before November 9, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed.

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